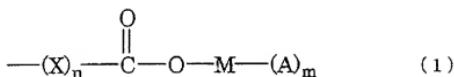


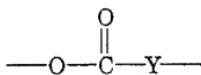
## ABSTRACT

An antifouling coating  
which comprises a varnish comprised of a metal-  
5 containing acrylic resin having, in a side chain thereof, at  
least one group represented by the following formula (1):



wherein X represents a group of the formula:

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n represents 0 or 1; Y represents a hydrocarbon group; M represents a metal; m represents an integer equal to [(the valence number of metal M)-1]; A represents an organic acid

15 residue derived from a monobasic acid,

said varnish having a nonvolatile fraction of not less than 40 weight % and a viscosity at 25 °C of not more than 18 poises

20 and said antifouling coating having a volatile organic compound (VOC) content of not more than 400 g/L.